

MacTier Monarch Butterfly Release



For the second time in three years, the SK and Grade 1/2 classes at MacTier School have celebrated the release of monarch butterflies.

Ms. Sauro and Mrs. Gilman began the school year raising monarch caterpillars in various stages of development in their classrooms. Children observed with excitement and anticipation as the caterpillars changed into a chrysalis and then emerged as beautiful butterflies. We fed them until their release

date on a bright, sunny, warm day in late September. Several classes joined us hand in hand around our butterfly garden. One by one, we sent each of the sixteen monarchs on its incredible journey south. Monarch butterflies migrate to Mexico where they over-winter until it is time to return again to our area in the spring.

The butterfly garden and the raising of caterpillars is one way students connect directly with life's delicate cycle and become profoundly aware of environmental issues surrounding its continuation for years to come.